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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE NEW OFFENSIVE.

GREAT RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE BRITISH.

HUGE HAUL OF PRISONERS AND WAR MATERIAL.

London, April 10, 7.00 a.m.
The battle of Arras is the British reply to the German boast, made at the time of the Somme retreat, that they had completely disarranged the British offensive plans. It should finally dispose of the theory of pessimists, that the initiative in the risk lies with the enemy.

Nothing was more remarkable in yesterday's battle than the crushing preponderance of the British artillery, whose fire was described as twenty times heavier than the enemy's, whose reply was feeble in comparison. This preponderance, coupled with the unreliability of the German defences on the new line, enabled Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig to abandon the methodical siege methods of last year for mobile tactics, and to begin the offensive too soon for the Germans to sneak away without fighting, as they did on the Somme and Roye salients.

That the Germans were surprised appears from the descriptions of the distress signals given by their infantry when the bombardment, which was a prelude to the assault, opened. The horizon was lit up with red, white and green rockets and fountains of golden rain falling upon the artillery to help.

The weather changed unfavourably at the opening of the assault, a drizzle turning into rain and sleet. The battle itself was sheeted in mist, driving before the wind, and the ground soon became slippery.

Our casualties are estimated as being nothing comparable to the opening day of the Somme offensive last year. This initial victory may be momentous. Already the Vimy Ridge has been captured, and this is the greatest German fortress in the West. It is covered by woods, and the sides are scored with ravines, sheltering enemy machine gunners and mortars. From thence a rolling plain stretches to Douai, twelve miles distant.

The new offensive is on a front immediately north of the Hindenburg line, and threatens to flank it.

It is estimated that the gains represent twenty-five square miles.

Over 9,000 Prisoners in One Day.

London, April 10, 2.15 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was severe night fighting at the northern end of the Vimy Ridge, where the enemy had retained a footing, but was ejected.

The enemy attempted a counter-attack, which failed. We cleared the eastern slope of the Ridge, and, repulsing counter-attacks, we advanced and seized the village of Fampoux, and the neighbouring defences to the north and south of Scarpe.

We took prisoner on Monday over nine thousand men, and captured forty guns.

We drove the enemy from the high ground between Le Verguier and Hucourt. Fighting continues on the whole battle front.

A strong enemy night attack on the narrow front to the south-east of Ypres reached our support line, but was immediately ejected.

His Majesty's Congratulations.

London, April 10, 4.05 p.m.
His Majesty the King has telegraphed to Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig as follows:—"The whole Empire will rejoice at yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have partaken in this splendid achievement."

The Offensive Extending.

London, April 10, 4.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters states:—The great offensive is gradually extending. I hear of fighting to-day towards La Bassée.

Yesterday was the most successful day for the British since July 1.

We now dominate the Vimy Ridge. The accomplishment of this great feat in a single day would have been deemed incredible a few months ago.

I saw a big batch of prisoners coming in. They were clean and tidy, which is significant of the pretty free surrenders. One hundred and fifty of them were officers. The prisoners include five Battalion Commanders.

The captures include fine hauls of trench mortars, machine guns, bomb-throwers and ammunition.

The enemy destroyed great quantities of supplies.

The weather continues to be atrocious. It is bitterly cold, and the gale is laden with snow flurries.

A German Duke's Command.

London, April 10, 4.30 p.m.
A message from Paris states that Duke Albert of Wurttemberg is commanding the Army Group between Lorraine and the Swiss frontier.

A Garbled German Version.

London, April 10, 8.05 p.m.
A German official wireless message states:—"The battle of Arras continues."

The English, after several days' artillery activity, attacked on Monday, following a most violent increase of fire, on a twenty kilometre front. As a result of hard fighting, they penetrated our positions on the roads radiating from Arras, but they failed to break through.

Two of our Divisions suffered considerably in stubbornly resisting the superiority of the enemy.

We penetrated beyond the third English line to the south-east of Ypres, and returned with fifty prisoners.

A French attack at Leuze took down.

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THE NEW OFFENSIVE.

The French Front.

London, April 10, 4.55 p.m.
A French communique says:—"The enemy's artillery is less active north of the Oise and also south thereof."
We progressed east of the lower forest of Concy.
There was a lively artillery struggle in the region north-east of Sissonne, principally in the Laifaux sector.

THE CHANGES IN RUSSIA.

Socialist Minister's Repudiations.

London, April 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Socialist, M. Kerenki, Minister of Justice, attended a meeting of military delegates and repudiated the insinuations that he had been insufficiently severe towards the partisans of the "Reds". He said that he had not arrested the Grand Duke Dimitrius Pavlovitch because the latter had plotted against the late monarch, Rasputin. He had not arrested General Ivanoff because he was old and ill, and imprisonment would have killed him. As regards the prisoners at Tsarskoe Selo, he had visited them, and he assured the delegates that the guards had promised to obey only himself, while the Commandant of the Palace was his personal friend. M. Kerenki concluded by saying that he would not leave the Ministry wherein he represented democracy, until he was assured of the foundation of a Republic.

The delegates gave him an ovation and passed a vote of confidence in him.

No Territorial Expansion.

London, April 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that M. Kerenki has stated that the Government will shortly publish a declaration that Russia renounces territorial expansion, but defends to the utmost the liberty she has won.

What the Russian Demands.

London, April 10.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Government has issued a Proclamation declaring that Free Russia does not aim at domination of other nations, depriving them of their national patrimony, or at occupying forcibly foreign territories. Its object is to establish a durable peace on the basis of the rights of all nations to decide their own destiny. Russia does not desire to subjugate or humiliate anyone, but Russia must not emerge from the struggle humiliated or weakened.

THE CUFFLEY ZEPPELIN HERO.

Missing—Believed Killed.

London, April 10.
Lieutenant Robinson, who brought down the first Zeppelin, at Cuffley, in September, is reported missing. He is believed to have been killed.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

British Capture More Prisoners.

London, April 10.
A Mesopotamia official message states:—"The Turks were reported on April 6 to be retiring towards Kifri and are now contemplating a converging movement in conjunction with the Turks on the left bank of the Tigris against the British between the Shatt el Adhim and Djal River. In the meantime they are holding up the Russians on the upper reaches of the Djal."
Our troops were reported on April 8 to be in possession of the left bank of the Shatt el Adhim.

We captured Beled and Harbe stations to the north-west of Bagdad, and took 209 prisoners on Sunday.

PRUSSIAN ELECTORAL REFORM.

What the French Press Thinks.

London, April 10.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the Press regards the Kaiser's promise of Electoral Reform after the war as a most significant indication of the desperate internal condition in Germany. The Temps says that the promise may deceive the Germans but it will deceive nobody else.

THE SALONICA FRONT.

London, April 10.
A French communique from Salonica states:—"There has been a most active artillery struggle in the Monastir and Cerna sectors."
A German battalion attacked the Russians after a powerful artillery preparation, but it was stopped dead at the wire entanglements by machine gun fire.

FRENCH WAR MINISTER IN LONDON.

London, April 10.
The French Minister of War has arrived in London.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT THE TURKS.

London, April 10.
A Russian official wireless message states:—"In the direction of Penderji we dislodged the Turks from positions in the region of Harban, to the north-west of Baku and caused the retreat of the enemy."
We pushed Kyzylkum to the south-east of Baku.

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AMERICA AT WAR.

Huge Issue of Bonds.

London, April 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that Mr. McAdoo announces the issue of five billion three-and-a-half per cent dollar bonds, of which three billion will be used at the earliest possible moment to establish credit for the Allies and be exchanged at par for Allied bonds now outstanding, which will bear greater actual interest charges.

America's Fleet of Wooden Ships.

London, April 10.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson has formally approved of the Shipping Board's programme for the construction of a fleet of a thousand wooden ships, each to be of three thousand tons, and ready for delivery in five months. Congress has authorised the expenditure of ten millions sterling for this purpose.

German View of U.S. Intervention.

London, April 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that General van Hindenburg, interviewed by the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish newspaper, Vanguardia, said that in deciding on unrestricted submarine warfare Germany regarded the possibility of American assistance to the Entente as weightless. He admitted that in this war money had not proved to be the most important thing for warfare. He was of the opinion that the American supply of war materials to the Allies was already so great that an increase was hardly possible. On the contrary, supplies were likely to diminish in consequence of the necessity on America to equip her own large Army.

Brazil Breaks off Relations with Germany.

London, April 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro says that diplomatic relations with Germany have been broken off.

China's Attitude.

London, April 10.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Santiago, Chile, says it is authoritatively stated that Chile will remain neutral if not directly attacked.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page, they will be found as an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW BRITISH PUSH.

Endless Procession of German Prisoners.

London, April 9.
Telegraphing on the evening of the 9th inst. Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—

The battle is raging with unabated vigour roughly from opposite Lens to St. Quentin. The day has gone well for us. Our troops have made substantial progress and big captures of prisoners are coming back in an endless procession. Three thousand five hundred were counted in one army area alone up to midday.

Our casualties have hitherto been relatively small, which is usual in successful operations.

The fighting is increasing in intensity and it is too early yet to count the cost of victory. The infantry's advance along most of the front is not strenuously opposed.

The battle has developed strictly in accordance with the programme but a determined resistance is being offered near Arras, where a large pocket of the enemy was reported to be still holding out at midday, although entirely surrounded.

The famous Harp, a redoubt little less formidable than the "Labyrinth" has been captured with practically a whole battalion. The capture was probably instrumentalised by the tanks, which climbed Telegraph Hill, commanding the Harp.

We have progressed well along the railway running through to Scarpe Valley. We have gained and taken Bois de la Maison Blanche on the Lens branch of the railway. Several strong points vigorously resisted in the Blangy suburb of Arras, through which the German front line has run since the winter of 1914, but our bombing parties gradually reduced these.

The Canadians have fought well forward upon the Vimy slopes, but the resistance here is stiffening.

Our immense preponderance of heavy artillery is one of the most striking features. It is working great execution and tearing up and shredding the dense wire entanglements within range.

Prior to the first assault we effectively exploded a number of mines at various points.

The spirit of the troops is everywhere admirable and they are full of confidence.

A noteworthy fact is that the Germans are passively signalling for artillery to support them.

The day is bright and dry but a gale has greatly handicapped the airman.

The correspondent in summing up says:—"Assuredly, the British spring campaign has opened most favourably. Portents of the Allies' victory are so manifest that the only question we now think of asking is the little word 'WHEN'."

Further Bombardment of Arras.

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OBITUARY.

Famous American's Death.

London, April 10.
The death is announced of Mr. Richard Olney, a former Secretary of State for America, and draftsman of the despatch in which President Cleveland arranged the British for intervention in Venezuela.

MR. COR DE BLY.

Last Night's Performance.

Mr. Cor de Bly again played at the Victoria Theatre last night, before a good and appreciative house and, as before, his performance was of a very brilliant order and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The violinist was wise enough not to offer too classical a programme to a mixed audience, and his first two pieces were of the popular order—the always-welcome "Barcarolle" of Offenbach's and a very lengthy series of selections from "Il Trovatore", but these were given with such exquisite taste that they appealed keenly to all classes of listeners, and the artist received most insistent recalls. Finally he played a piece which afforded him ample opportunity for displaying his unusually fine technique.

Mr. de Bly had hoped to fold an extra engagement at the Victoria and Opera, respectively, at Canton and Moscow, but he has received a wire from Shanghai asking him to open his season there on Sunday next. Accordingly he will play only twice more in Hongkong: at the Dutch Club this afternoon at 6 o'clock and at the Victoria at the 9.15 performance. Mr. de Bly hopes, however, to play again in Hongkong on his return from San Francisco.

MERCANTILE BANK.

Announcement of Final Dividend.

The local Manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., has received cabled advice that the Bank has declared a final dividend on "A" and "B" shares of 7 per cent, making 22 per cent for the year, less tax, the amount carried forward being £3,200, and £50,000 added to Reserve.

Hongkong Theatre.

The Hongkong Theatre offers a fresh serial film: "Tessie O'Rourke," the first episode having been given last night. The concluding portions of "The Goddess" and of "The King of the Ring" have been delayed in transmission but will be shown later.

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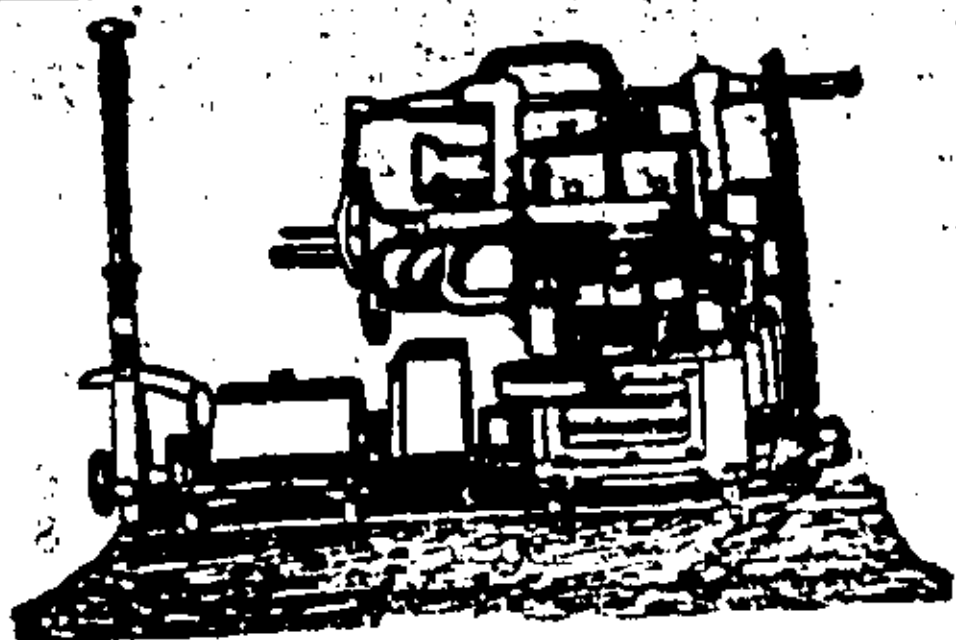
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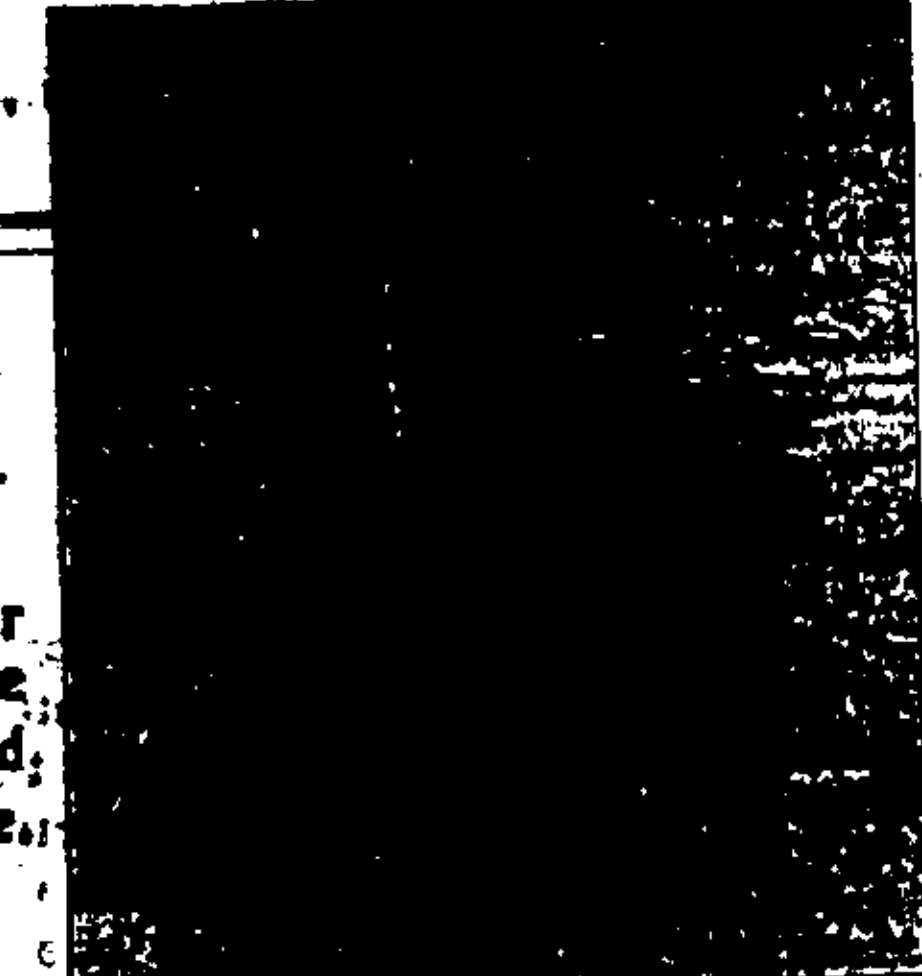
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GENERAL NEWS.

Russian Loan to Japan.
Tokyo, 30th March.—It is now
generally considered that the 3rd
Russian loan, the flotation of
which was suspended temporarily
owing to the political changes in
Russia, can be floated. Official
papers express the opinion that
there is no cause for apprehension
concerning Russia's financial
credit.

Information Wanted.
A Rangoon message says that
a reward of Rs 500 has been
offered by the Commissioner of
Police for any information that
will throw any light on the dis-
appearance of Mr. John White,
Chief Engineer, Arracan Com-
pany's Mill at Kasaunggye, who
has not been seen since the night
of the February 27.

German Loan Funds in China.
The German loan funds which
were suspended by the Chinese
Ministry of Finance during the
present month amount to \$1,700,
000. As announced by the
Ministry, this money is to be
deposited in the banks. It is
learned that for this month, the
money is to be deposited in the
Sino Industrial Bank of Peking.

How to Matriculate.
The principal topic of conver-
sation in Northern Calcutta recently,
was the Matriculation Examination
fiasco. It is said that some
hundreds if not thousands of
candidates had been in possession
of the questions for days past and
that copies had been sold at any-
thing from 2 pice to Rs 500 per
head. It is further alleged that
the text of the questions was
actually telegraphed to mofussil
centres. If half of this is true,
what a situation on education in
Bengal! Meanwhile the examina-
tion has been postponed till the
end of the month.

Small-pox in Japan.
Small-pox is spreading in
various parts of Japan and
especially in Nagoya, where many
cases have been reported this
year. The authorities declare
that the disease is usually brought
to Tokyo by way of the water
fronts, and consequently begin-
ning March 23 the city started
a compulsory vaccination of five
thousand people who are living
on boats in the vicinity of Tokyo.
These people live on the water all
the time, and it has been difficult
to compel them to be vaccinated
in the past, and to carry out com-
pulsory vaccination, the police
will use motor boats on which
physicians and others will visit
all boats in the rivers of Tokyo.

Hongkong and Copper Cash.
Owing to the big rise in copper,
old Chinese brass coins will pro-
bably rise enormously in price as
they contain about 90 per cent.
of copper, remarks Kelly's Month-
ly Trade Review. For quite a
long time more than 6,000 tons
of these coins have been exported
monthly to Japan. It has been
a very lucrative business to pur-
chase and melt these coins, and
we have just heard that one single
Japanese firm is now in the mar-
ket asking for offers of 200,000
short tons of these old coins.
We doubt not that sellers will be
found, but what will be the
position of the public when such
enormous quantities of cash are
constantly taken away, causing
disturbances in the balance of
supply and demand?

Germany After the War.
A remarkable statement was
recently made by the well-known
Chairman of the German Imperial
Crown Office, Dr. Michaelis, who
said that rationing will continue
for several years after peace,
because Germany will be com-
pelled to supply her food ex-
clusively from her own resources.
Tonnage for import must be
devoted to raw materials, which
are more indispensable than
grain. The deterioration of the
German exchange, too, will pro-
hibit imports from abroad and
will demand every effort to in-
crease export. The injury done to
German agriculture by the war
will prevent full harvests for
several years, even if the weather
should be good. Only a gradual
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GENERAL NEWS.

Russian Commissioner to China.
The Chinese press reports that the Provisional Government of Russia will soon send a Commissioner to China to study the Provisional Constitution of this country. Minister Lin Chin-jen has sent a telegram to the Government reporting on this matter, and the Government has asked the Wai Chiao Fu to make preparations for the reception of the Russian Commissioner.

One of the "Six Hundred."
The death occurred at Black-burn Workhouse, in February, from the effects of accidental fall, of Robert Rigby, a Crimean veteran. He enlisted in the 4th Light Dragoons at Manchester in 1864, and was in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. His horse was shot under him in the charge, but he caught a careless animal and, galloping after his comrades, was in at the capture of a battery. He was 83 years of age.

The Siam State Railway.
Penang, April 3.—Mr. Gittins, chief engineer of the Siam State Railways, Mr. Anthony, manager, and other officials of the Federated Malay States Railways, arrived in Penang after a leisurely journey by direct train from Bangkok to Prai. The trip was rendered possible by the laying of the last rail connecting the Siam State Railways at Perlis on the Siam border on Friday last. Railway development on the east coast of Siam is proceeding apace.—Singapore Free Press.

Report of New British Loan in Japan.
The Chuwa, a Japanese paper, says the Teruchi Government contemplates subscribing to a new loan to be issued by Great Britain in the near future. This is because the specie of Japan at home and abroad is fast increasing, while the country's foreign trade this year is far more favourable than that of last year. For instance, the foreign trade during the past two months and a half resulted in an excess of exports over imports by ¥70,000,000, exclusive of receipts, according from the sale of war necessities to the Entente Powers. It is understood that Japan will shortly open negotiations with Great Britain on the subject, and that a new British loan will be issued on the Japanese market.

A Curious Amendment.
A new Pahang Enactment makes rather a curious amendment to the Mahomedan law of marriage and divorce. It specifies that where the marriage of two persons subject to the enactment has been irrevocably dissolved by the pronouncement of three divorces by the man against the woman, it shall be unlawful for such parties to cohabit as man and wife unless the woman shall have first been lawfully married to some other person than her divorced husband and such marriage shall have been dissolved. This seems to work out: A married Band pronounces the three divorces. A cannot cohabit with B until she has again been married and properly divorced. But an alternative reading seems to be: A married Band pronounces three divorces. Unless B has first been lawfully married to some other person and divorced, she shall not resume cohabitation with A.

The Term "Colonial."
By a curious coincidence the term "Colonial," as applied to the self governing Overseas, was referred to by two of the leading representatives of those Dominions now in London. Mr. Andrew Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, speaking at the Royal Colonial Institute, said he did not know how that Institute came by its name, although he presumed that, like most of us, in its infant days it had small say in its christening. "But," he added, "you will permit me to say just this: the Australian, and Canadian, the New Zealander, as I have known him, lays no claim to be called a 'Colonial.'" Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, speaking at University College on the subject of the future relations of the Mother Country and the Overseas Dominions, said: "Personally, I do not object to the name of the term 'Colonial' or 'Colonies.'"

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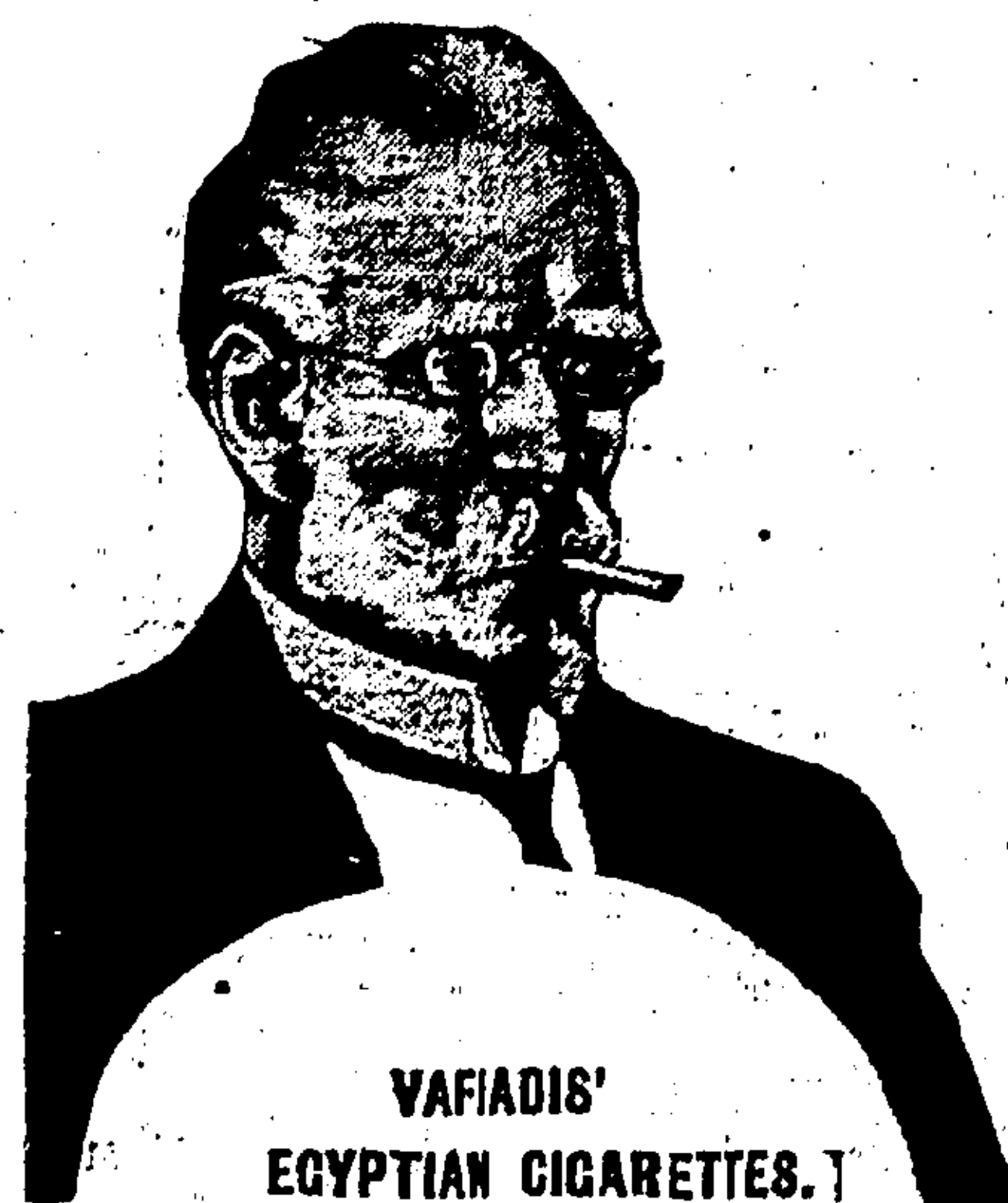
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1917.

UNJUST CRITICISMS.

From correspondence which has reached us, it would appear that quite a deal of feeling has been aroused in Yokohama in consequence of the publication, in the columns of a contemporary, of some opinions by a Mr. James Orange, said to have formerly resided in Hongkong, in regard to the alleged spathy of Britishers in the Far East in the matter of making sacrifices to help on the war. This gentleman, in the course of a lengthy letter, roundly slated Britishers generally, and those of Hongkong in particular, and his effusion has called forth from a neutral subject a vigorously-worded protest which has been circulated, we are informed, by the hundreds throughout Yokohama. The British community of the port was delighted that the neutral correspondent should have so promptly taken up Mr. Orange's uncalculated and unjust attack. The indignation felt is all the greater from the fact that Mr. Orange went to Yokohama as a self-confessed stranger, notwithstanding which he did not see the bad taste of deriding Britishers there and of criticising the extent of the assistance which they are rendering the Empire in this time of stress.

Mr. Orange's diatribe is too lengthy to analyse in detail, but one or two quotations from it will suffice to show the nature of the complaints of which he unburdens himself. After declaring that the help which Britishers throughout the Far East are rendering the Empire is "not at all adequate," the writer says that "Hongkong, which has subscribed a large sum, seems to forget that the major portion is really paid by aliens." We have no knowledge as to the source of this gentleman's information, but everyone here will testify to the utter untruthfulness of this assertion. Presumably, Mr. Orange has the Chinese population in mind when he refers to "aliens." If he has, he reveals his ignorance in two respects. In the first place, most of the Chinese living in Hongkong are British subjects, and are proud of the fact. But, even so, and while fully appreciating the very many tangible evidences they have given of their loyalty and patriotism—it certainly cannot be said that they have subscribed anything like the major portion of the money already raised in Hongkong on behalf of war funds. The lists periodically issued by the War Charities Committee will be found to contain ample evidence to the contrary. Apart from subscriptions to charities, Hongkong has a record which, as His Excellency's recent statement shows, is no mean one. So far as taxes go, these have already been increased during the war, and Britishers, in common with all others who reside here, bear their share of the increase. What is more, there is every probability that new imposts will be enforced in the near future. Mr. Orange's chief "gripe" seems to be that British firms and residents abroad are not compelled to pay income tax. But if he knew anything of the peculiar conditions which exist in Hongkong he would perceive that the proposal is utterly impracticable. As to subscriptions to War Loans and War Savings Associations, Mr. Orange discounts these with the remark that they are not sacrifices, but investments. Surely the same argument would apply to those firms at Home which have taken up War Stock.

A great part of Mr. Orange's effusion is devoted to the painting of a very rosy picture of the high salaries enjoyed in the Far East. The average resident, he says, makes more money here than at Home, and retires at an earlier period than his brethren in England. Mr. Orange may be one of the fortunate ones. But if he wants it, he can find an end of testimony to the fact that the cost of living in recent years has tremendously increased in the Far East. For such people, in the Orient, money, the question is not how to secure a fortune and return Home quietly; the majority would consider themselves lucky if they could see any prospect of ever getting back to the Homeland again. We do not deny that there are prosperous people in the Far East. Nor do we suggest that all that might have been done has been accomplished. But we do suggest that the wilful twisting of facts, and that it seems to us, is a discreditable way to attack this Mr. Orange has been devoting

The Western Offensive.

For more years than we would venture to say, Germany has been looking forward to "The Day." Now that it has come, we hope she likes it. "The Day" for which the Allies have been patiently waiting all the winter long has certainly dawned, and the only objectionable part of the business from the Hun point of view is that its events do not promise to turn out in accordance with the great Hohenzollern programme; for this certainly did not include the capture, by the Allies, of places on whose defence Germany had spent untold money and blood. To-day the Kaiser is learning the meaning of our Home munition-making energies during the autumn and winter. Only eighteen months ago, when his own supplies seemed inexhaustible, the loans who are carrying out his behests were pouring out shells like water on unoffending places that were useless from a military point of view. It was just a riot of wantonness and noise and bluster—the sort of thing that would appeal peculiarly to the Boche mind. And it achieved nothing; nothing, that is to say, that was likely to benefit our enemies permanently or to bring them nearer, by one jot, to victory. And now it is our turn. Everywhere along the five-and-forty mile front, from Givenchy down to St. Quentin, Wilhelm's "victorious armies" are falling back in dismay before the ruthless fire of the British and French; every Allied shell or bayonet-charge carries a message of righteous vengeance, and, as Heuter remarks this morning, "the only question we now think of asking is the little word *When?*" We are still not very clear as to the precise meaning which the Huns were in the habit of attaching to "Der Tag," but we have no doubt at all as to what the British and French understand, respectively, by "The Day" and "Le Jour."

China's Army.

Canton advices state that H.E. Chu Hing-lan is making plans for the disbanding of a considerable portion of the local army; and on that point he is certainly to be congratulated, for the outstanding feature of the Chinese soldier, as the term is at present understood, is that he is an extremely useless and expensive luxury. In military affairs China has, without doubt, to begin all over again. In fairness to her it has to be admitted that she has never, in the whole of her history, had an opportunity of succeeding as a military nation—for reasons which are not far to seek. While, from time immemorial, Western countries believed that it was every layman's duty, from King to serf, to understand the use of arms, China was teaching her children that soldiering was the lowest pitch of degradation to which a man could sink. A belief so steadily drummed into the nation could not die out in a century, or in half a dozen; and even to-day scarcely one per cent. of the Chinese have yet realised that the profession of arms, rightly understood, is one of the most honourable (at times positively the most honourable) in the world. But young China is open to conviction, and a strong, refined type of man like Chu Hing-lan has before him limitless opportunities of inculcating some wholesome ideas on the subject of soldiering. His Excellency is a strong believer in universal military service and in the higher education of the soldier. That he will be listened to all in five minutes is hardly to be hoped, but if these young Chinese who have received a foreign education will but back him up by showing their more backward friends—by force of example—that there is nothing by any means degrading in a man's wishing to draw the sword in defence of his country, there is every reason to think that China's coming army will be something very different from anything that it has ever been in the past. The Chinese contingent of the Hongkong Police Reserve, which is not unworthy pattern to the troops of the neighbouring provinces, is a point of admiration and discipline; and if the more educated classes will take upon themselves a little useful propaganda work, China will soon come to be content with an army composed of coolies and pirates.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE'S MANY A GOOD THING LOST THROUGH NOT ASKING FOR IT.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 135th anniversary of Lord Rodney's victory in the West Indies.

Tennis Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League takes place at the Hongkong C.C. pavilion at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow. All Club Secretaries interested are requested to attend.

Pupils' Concert.
Professor Danenberg's pupils, assisted by Professor Gonzalez, Mr. Lai and a small orchestra, are to give a concert in St. Andrew's Hall to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. A splendid programme has been arranged.

Ball Estreated.
A Chinese was found yesterday walking along the street with lb. of raw opium in his possession. He was taken to the Central Station, but released on \$150 bail. This morning he failed to appear in Court to answer the charge, and his bail was estreated.

Hongkong Lady's War Work.
Among the passengers arriving in Hongkong recently was Mrs. C. D. Garrett Bell. Mrs. Bell, whose relatives are connected with several hospitals both in France and England, has, during her absence from the Colony, been nursing the wounded in London.

Bijou Theatre.
The Bijou Theatre is screening one of Trans-Atlantic's exclusive serial, entitled "The Adventures of Terence O'Rourke," in nine episodes, each a complete adventure in itself. The fifth and sixth Adventures will be screened to-night. The programme includes a very good war Graphic, "The Whirlpool of War," and Keystone comedies.

St. George's Day Cafe Chantant.
There seems to be, in some quarters, a slight misunderstanding in connection with the sale of the tickets for the Cafe Chantant. We are therefore asked to make it clear that these tickets cover the admittance as well as afternoon tea in the drill hall, where the concert will be held. They do not cover admittance to the various side shows, i.e. cinema, ventriloquist, etc.

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Lukong Discharged.
Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, a Lukong, No. 361 was summoned by a Chinese for assault at Wing Lok Street wharf on April 4. It was alleged that the constable wanted to search complainant, but, instead of doing so, struck the man on the chest. Defendant's case was that the man refused to be searched, and in consequence he arrested him and took him to the station. He did not strike the man. Other constables gave corroborative evidence, and defendant was discharged.

The Wrong Man.
A coolie accused a marine hawker in Kowloon yesterday and asked him to buy a quantity of copper piping, but upon examining it the hawker said he "would not have it as a present." An Indian watchman saw the man together and arrested the hawker for illegal possession. When the man was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, Inspector Gordon asked for the charge to be withdrawn, as he thought the watchman had arrested the wrong man. His Worship discharged the man.

WAR SAVINGS.

Fourth List of Local Subscriptions.

Members, whose official numbers are given below, subscribed the following amounts last month, totalling \$210,305, to the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association. The money has been invested in the Straits War Loan at 6 per cent.

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WHY CHINA JOINS THE EUROPEAN WAR.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—This question has become a favourite subject of discussion among the educated portion of the Chinese. Different opinions have been advanced as to whether China can justify her action in joining this great European upheaval. I do not, in the least, pretend to give a popular reply, but will try my best to treat this subject justly—not as a means of gaining public favour but as a means of removing some public misunderstanding.

Like other great wars in the history of the Family of Nations this European conflict has been brought about by a complexity of causes, both real and apparent. I do not propose here to analyse the aims of the contending nations, but suffice it to say the war has been created by the conflicting interests of, firstly, the European Powers and, secondly, of their Allies. As a means of solving this problem the European Powers resorted to arms in the absence of any peaceful means of settlement. At first the scale of fighting was small, it was a mere combat between England, France, Russia and Serbia on one side, and Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on the other. Then, either by means of diplomacy or by force of patriotism, other nations have been drawn into the war. Europe, at once, became an extensive theatre of war in which thousands of people have died in their respective noble causes, instead of maintaining the position of nurses of industry, builders of commerce and, in short, of a centre of all forms of human activity. The absence of markets of industrial products caused by the war is thus made good by horrible marts of human flesh!

Why should Europe be shifted from a whirlpool of activity into a spot of bloody and most inhuman murder? This seems to be a huge sacrifice to the Europeans, but they would certainly not endure this sacrifice without good reasons. It is the German principles of militarism that have thus transformed Europe, bringing it into a state of war. Germany is largely held responsible for this expensive transformation. All calamities wrought by the war are the outcome of German militarism. German submarines have done considerable damage to neutrals. This is a serious breach of international law. This has provoked the anger of several nations and has thus the effect of involving them in war. Consequently the interference of international law was at once sought for by those particularly interested in the German policy of the submarine blockade.

Germany has shown herself as an open enemy to China by the Emperor's advocating of the well known cry: "Yellow Peril." This is the foundation of Chinese enmity against the German nation. This was intended to check the growth of China's ambition, preventing her from becoming a great Power or a progressive nation. Thus China has good reason to join the war. When we carefully weigh the advantages and the disadvantages of the war, we come to the conclusion that she is justified in joining it. The following are the advantages. Firstly China, upon entering the war, is allowed to put off the payments of interest due to Germany. This means a financial relief. Secondly, she may disregard all the unfavorable terms contained in those treaties signed between her with other nations. Thirdly, she is permitted and encouraged to revise and raise her Customs duties. All this means setting China free to develop herself. What a relief to her!

I may add that after joining in the war, her Allies, particularly France, will profit by the importation of Chinese labour and food stuff. If we realise the huge damage of war, we shall know

DUTCH FEARS.

Neutrality Rather Than Invasion.

Holland's fears for the future are intensified by the sufferings of the moment. Not the least of these is caused by the shortage of coal, for which, apparently, there is no relief in sight. Germany's promised supplies having failed to materialise.

Each day sees fresh factories closed down for want of fuel, whilst in many places schools are being closed owing to the impossibility of heating them. The bread card system is working satisfactorily, but new trouble has arisen from the shortage of potatoes, which in the big towns has led to extraordinary scenes, crowds of women having to wait many hours outside the shops. It is not surprising, therefore, that a feeling of deep foreboding exists.

The *Telegraaf* says:—"The Netherlands and other neutrals are only restrained from following the example of President Wilson by the fear of being over-run by Germany."

The paper comments sarcastically on the tendency of the German Press to tell Dutchmen that the need which the submarine war has brought them must be an incentive to act more strongly than before for peace. "Fears filled with anxiety and terror," says the journal, "is not exactly the peace for which we care of which we look on as being in the interests of human society, and terrorism of the German submarine war has—let us openly acknowledge it—made all peace work impossible."

how important Chinese labour is. The labour shortage will be largely replaced by Chinese labour recently imported into France, though this is a new experiment. In this respect, China will afford a tremendous relief to France and her Allies alike. Instead of being brought to standstill the French markets will work on actively and the tightness of the market of French labour will be relieved. China goes to war partly as a means of gaining influence for herself in future, and partly in order to give some material support to other nations. Certainly she is no patron of war! A few effects on China's participation in the European War may be foreshadowed here. She will be treated as having given a helping hand to her friends; this will assure her of mutual help in future. She will receive less hindrance in future. She will be less bothered by her rivals. The potential benefits which China will receive will be surely realised after peace is declared. She will naturally be treated as a greater friend by her Allies than before. Those who are her Allies ought to adopt a more friendly attitude towards her and to render her such assistance as may enable her to get on well in the Society of Nations. Actuated by clean and pious motives she will fully deserve such assistance as may enable her to develop her natural resources, now lying undeveloped. China's latent abilities are enormous, and it is advisable for her to join in the war for the common interest of the nation.

In the eye of international law, her attitude towards Germany is necessarily a correct one, and admits of no condemnation. Her aims are pure and pious. She has become involved in the war, simply in the interests of the nation as well as in those of her worthy Allies. What nation can stand without having alliances, in the light of modern politics? She is acting as any other nations will do, if they are placed in a similar position. In taking a share in this war, she shows herself an absolute defender of the principles of humanity. Being a member of the Society of Nations she could not bear the sight of inhuman cruelty. She detests the atrocious acts committed by the Hun within the war region. She is thirty far removed from the Hun. Though she is not in a position to aid her allies with military strength, yet in certain ways she certainly does contribute something worth mentioning towards their support.

Yours etc.
L. JOHN YU.

PORK BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP.

Judgment by the Chief Justice.

Judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court this morning, in the claim for \$1,000 and dissolution of partnership in a pork business at the Central Market.

The Chief Justice said:—"The only question I have to decide is whether the plaintiffs are entitled to accounts of the partnership, or whether there has been an account stated between the partners. The conclusion at which I have arrived on the evidence is that plaintiffs' witnesses are telling the truth when they say that the partnership books, after the settlement with the Pork Guild, were handed to the first defendant for the purpose of reconstituting the business and not as alleged by the latter, after the accounts had been settled and the business wound up."

Furthermore, I accept the plaintiffs' allegations that the memorandum of dissolution at the foot of the partnership agreement was written without their knowledge or authority, and was not on the partnership books when they were returned to the first defendant.

It is admitted that the books were received by the first defendant some two months before the settlement with the Pork Guild; and it is difficult to believe that the plaintiffs were parties to the memorandum of account settled when the account with the Guild was outstanding, and this liability, according to the evidence on both sides, was the main trouble in the partnership finances. It is, I think, more likely that the memorandum was subsequently inserted to support the defendants' contentions.

Being of this opinion on the facts, it is unnecessary to consider the legal effect of the memorandum stated. The plaintiffs are, I think, entitled to the accounts. The costs will be reserved.

INCORRIGIBLE EUROPEAN LAD.

Imprisonment and Birching for Theft.

The European lad, named John Adams, who was, some time ago, ordered to be birched by Mr. C. D. Melbourne for stealing, was again before His Worship this morning, charged with stealing \$38 in money, the property of Henry Thomas, the second engineer of the s.s. Yatsing, yesterday.

The boy pleaded guilty. It was stated by Detective Sergeant Murphy that the lad left his father's house two days before, and very early yesterday morning went on board the Yatsing, which was lying alongside the wharf at Kowloon. He had breakfast with the second engineer in his room, the boy leaving the boat at about 10 o'clock. Sometime later, the second engineer went to leave the ship, and, on opening one of his drawers in the cabin, found that \$38 was missing. The police were informed, and from enquiries made, the defendant was arrested last night. He had in his possession a new brief case, which contained a number of toy pistols, an electric torch, a pair of new shoes, a whistle pipe, some other small articles, and \$3.40 in money. The boy admitted that he obtained the goods from the proceeds of the larceny. As the ship was due to leave today, the second engineer could not attend.

His Worship (to the defendant):—"What did you do with the money?—I spent it, Sir."

Sergeant Murphy said the boy was recently before the Court for larceny, when he was ordered to be birched.

His Worship:—"You are not to have any more of that."

Sergeant Murphy:—"No, your Worship. He is incorrigible."

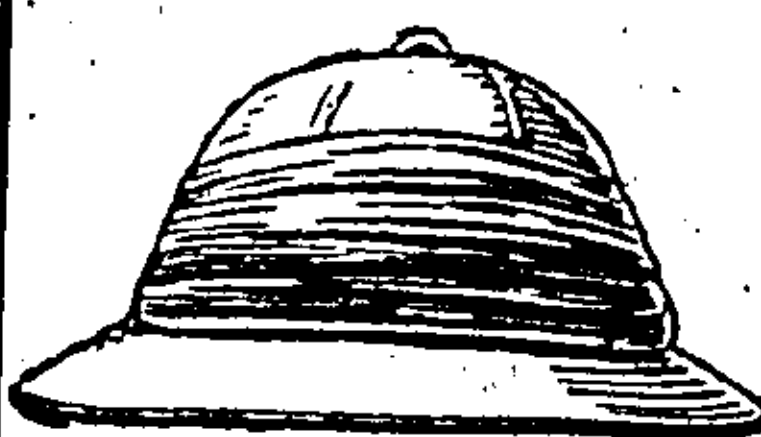
His Worship sentenced the boy to seven days' imprisonment, and ordered him to receive twenty strokes with the birch.

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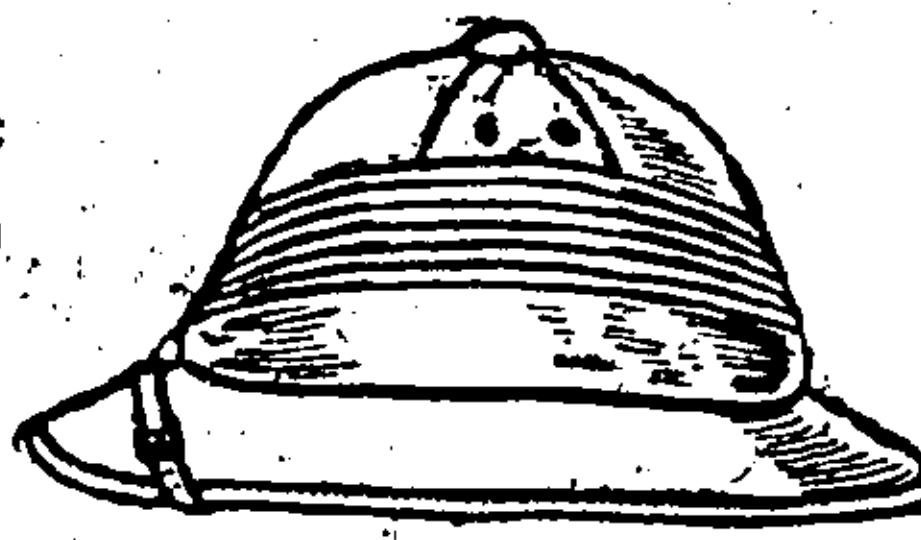
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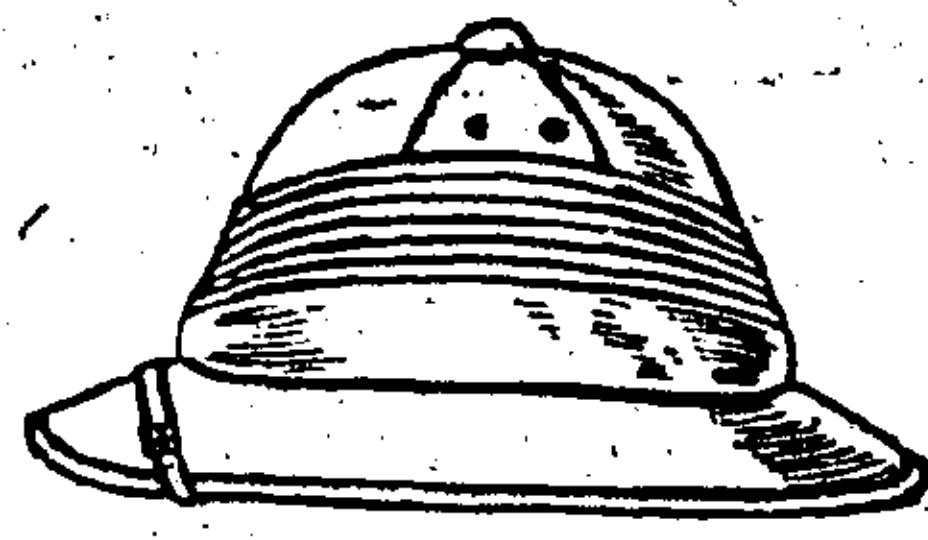


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SHIPPING NEWS.

Dairen Shipping.
For the quarter ended in December 1916, the total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Dairen was 184 vessels of 222,891 tons, showing, when compared with the same quarter in 1915, an increase of 71 vessels and 47,601 tons. The percentage of the different flags were 27 British, 84.6 Japanese, 4.7 Chinese and 5.0 Danish, Dutch, Russian and Swedish.

Swedish East Asiatic Co.
The suspension of the Far Eastern steamship line of the Swedish East Asiatic Co., Gothenburg, on account of the increase of war risks, has been announced. It is well-known that Dairen had been the terminal port of the Company's Far Eastern line, and consignments of beans used to be exported from this port to Gothenburg, etc., during the past few years. The ss. Delago, which cleared Dairen last February for Europe, laden with beans, etc., was the last of the firm's steamers to visit Dairen.

Chief Officer's Lapse.
In the Marine Court at Singapore last week, William Perri, chief officer of the ss. Hong Bee, was charged before Lieut. Comm. O. J. R. N., with being drunk and with absence from leave—two separate charges. Arthur W. Hall, master, stated that the accused was not fit to carry out his duties from March 26-30 owing to drink. On the 30th he went ashore without permission, and returned on board in a drunken condition. Herbert Willeher, second mate, gave corroborative evidence. The accused, pleading guilty, expressed sorrow for being drunk, saying that he had been unwell and took some "stengahs" to "knock it off." He mentioned that during eight months' service on the Hong Bee he had touched a drop of liquor. On first charge he was fined \$50, 14 days rigorous imprisonment, and on the second charge he received 14 days rigorous imprisonment.

China Coast Gazette.
Mr. W. Moore, second officer, Tukwo, has gone acting chief officer, Kutwo. Mr. T. R. Sayle, chief officer, Kutwo, is on reserve. Mr. R. L. Stephen, supernumerary, Loongwo, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. H. J. Salzwedel, second officer, Loongwo, has gone second officer, Tukwo. Mr. J. J. McLeary, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Ngankin. Mr. E. E. Moore, chief officer, Ngankin, has gone chief officer, Hangchow. Mr. T. G. Beer, chief officer, Haip Peking, has gone chief officer, Chungking. Mr. H. P. Hope, chief officer, Chungking, is on reserve. Mr. R. J. Hill, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwangse. Mr. A. A. Warid, chief officer, Kwangse, has gone chief officer, Fain Peking. Captain H. A. Wavell, of the Chenan, is on reserve. Captain P. H. Cowan, from leave, has gone master, Chenan. Captain T. Nicoll, of the Phrananz, has resigned. Captain G. J. Spink has been appointed master, Phrananz. Captain J. Fordyce-Messer, wharfinger, China Navigation Wharf, China wharves, has been appointed Godown Superintendent, Indo-China S.N. Co., Hankow. Shipping and Engineering.

The Guild and the War Prisoners.
The present position of the United States in the war has caused a good deal of natural anxiety amongst the relatives and friends of those civilian prisoners of the age of forty-five or over who were likely to be released under the Agreement which had been come to by the British and German Governments, the United States Ambassadors being the intermediaries. Shortly before the interchange commenced, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, which is acting on behalf of all interned merchant captains and officers in Germany, supplied to the Foreign Office a complete list of these prisoners of the age of 45 or over and it was duly forwarded by the Foreign Office to the United States Ambassador at Berlin. On his departure from there the Guild has placed itself once more in communication with the Foreign Office on the matter expressing the hope that the interchange will be persevered in. A reply has been received from the Secretary of the Prisoners of War Department stating that the difficulties in the way of carrying out the interchange under present conditions are unfortunately very great, that the Netherlands Minister in Berlin is now in charge of the matter in Germany. The Guild is taking further steps in the matter.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

American Cotton.
Spot cotton has reached a new high record. Reuter's Liverpool market quotation, dated March 29, is as follows for middling American cotton:—
Spot 12.32d.
March-April 12.33d.
October-November 11.64d.
The quotation received mutilated in the "Rates and Prices" published yesterday under date of March 27 have been corrected as follows:—
Mid-American spot 12.62d.
Egyptian cotton 23.25d.
F.M.G. Bengal 10.50d.

Leather and Jute.
The following telegrams from the American Consul General, London, dated February 17, are published by the Department of Commerce, Washington:—"War Office takes possession of all leather, finished or unfinished, and intends to take possession of all jute as can be produced prior to March 31. Order applies to vegetable-tanned hides, butts, backs, half backs, and sides."—"War Office gives notice that it takes possession of all unrolled stocks of raw jute in the United Kingdom and intends to take possession of any unrolled stocks arriving after today. All dealings in raw jute on spot, in transit, or in course of shipment prohibited. Dealings in jute for storing in India or for shipment from India direct to allied or neutral countries not prohibited."

Zhangbe Profits and Dividend.
At a meeting of the directors of the Zhangbe Rubber Co., Ltd., it was decided to recommend the payment of a final dividend of Tls. 0.25 per share (making Tls. 0.50 for the year) at the forthcoming annual meeting. The profit of the Zhangbe Rubber Co., Ltd. for the year ended last year, was Tls. 259,074.20, out of which there has been set aside:—
As reserve for contingencies 20,000.00
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Paid to the Shanghai Company as dividends, etc. 292,242.58
The profit and loss account of the Shanghai company shows a balance, including the sum brought forward, and after paying all charges and providing for directors' and auditors' fees of Tls. 191,800.12, out of which an interim dividend Tls. 0.25 per share has been paid, absorbing Tls. 82,500.

It is now proposed:—
Tls.
To pay dividend of Tls. 0.25 per share 62,500.00
To pay for cancellation of vendors' agreement 30,000.00
To pay bonus to managers and staff 7,500.00
To write off N. V. Benjamins London share account 26,621.75
To carry forward 2,678.37
191,800.12

Gold Mines in Szechuan.
The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has decided to compile a book of statistics giving the names, localities and ownership of all the mines at present in operation in the country. The returns received from the Bureau of Finance of Szechuan are as follows:—There are altogether six gold mines in Szechuan, all worked by Chinese capital, namely, (1) the Kinyashan Mine in Meikang Hsien, 50 square li in area, opened 2nd October, 3rd Year of the Republic, permit granted to Ling Chung-yao; (2) the Erhkan Mine in Suifu Hsien, Meikang Hsien, 8 square li in area, opened 31st December, 4th Year of the Republic, permit granted to Ling Chung-yao; (3) the Kwapiusue mine district in Yanyuan Hsien, 180 square li in area, opened 21st July, 4th Year of the Republic, permit granted to Chou Yun-ching; (4) in the Kinyashan mine district, 5 square li in area opened on 27th March, 4th Year of the Republic, permit granted to Liang Yea representing the Yu Hsiao Company; (5) in the Erhkan Mine district in Suifu Hsien, Meikang Hsien, 1 square li in area, opened on 13th September, permit granted to Ling Chung-yao; (6) in the Erhkan Mine district in Suifu Hsien, Meikang Hsien, 1 square li in area, opened on 13th September, permit granted to Ling Chung-yao.

Coal Testing.
Last week a valuable paper was read before the Engineering Society of China, by Mr. P. O. Rielly entitled "Some Notes on Coal Testing." His object, the author said, was to put forward some simple methods whereby engineers or users of coal in general could make tests, which at the same time as being easy to conduct, would give a very fair indication of the value of a certain quality of coal and help to decide as to the suitability of any special coal for a specific purpose and also to get the best possible results with the lowest possible waste. The author first explained the correct way of taking a sample of the coal to be tested and the way to prepare the sample after it had been taken. The first step was to find the percentage of moisture, after which, the percentage and nature of the ash must be determined. The third step in the analysis consisted in burning off the volatile gases from a weighed sample; the remaining product being the coke, while the difference in weight was the volatile gases. The author then showed how, with the results so obtained, the calorific value of the coal tested could be calculated. He, however, pointed out that the method was only approximate and when applied in this way only comparative values of the coal undergoing the test, in relation to previous standardised conditions, could be arrived at. If closer approximation to the calorific value of the fuel was required, it could be obtained by using one form or another of the many calorimeters on the market, but as a description of these calorimeters, would take up too much space, the author confined himself to describing the Lewis Thomson calorimeter, which in view of its simplicity he considered worthy of a description. The author then described the procedure to obtain the calorific value when using this method. However, even by this method he pointed out that only a good approximate value of the heat capacity was arrived at, which might be regarded as useful only to the practical engineer who wished to know as much as possible about the fuel he was handling so as to consume it under conditions which would ensure the best possible result from its combustion.

F.M.S. Chamber of Mines.
Ipoh, April 1.—Mr. Attenborough, presiding over a largely attended meeting at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Mines, reviewed the past year, commenting strongly on the need for the revision of the Mining Enactment. He said that figures as to output showed that the industry had been going steadily backward in Malaysia at the rate of 2.2, 4.2 and 6.2 per cent, respectively during the last three years. While at one time the Chinese did all the mining, last year Europeans in Perak alone produced 37 per cent of the total. If they hoped to maintain the premier position in the world, they must attract more European capital after the war, but no more outside capital would be gettable if the present conditions remained unaltered. The Council of the Chamber had therefore seriously considered the position, and had made several recommendations, which a conference of Residents almost totally rejected as unnecessary, partially granting one out of eleven requests and reverting one for further consideration. This was very disappointing, as they chiefly desired some greater security of tenure, without which it was impossible to get outside capital now, but Government rejected the request. He commented on the various changes asked for, and pointed out the greater importance of mining over planting, and the disparity of treatment meted out. He finally urged that the Chamber could not submit to treatment which he said was most unfair, and further action should be demanded. He acknowledged the fair treatment of tin with regard to last year's war taxation. Mr. F. E. Hair strongly supported the Chairman's remarks, criticising the Government's opposition to the Chamber's views. Mr. Perkins strongly supported the

Chamber's action. A resolution was passed that further action be left in the hands of the Council.
U. S. Steel Industry.
Orders have been issued to expedite improvements at the Maryland plant of Bethlehem Steel Co., which will cost G. \$50,000,000. Contracts have been given for four additional blast furnaces, for four additional steel furnaces, to cost G. \$5,000,000, and an equal amount will be expended for 240 by-product coke ovens. A big Bessemer steel plant will also be erected.
Tongkah Harbour Tin Dredging.
The report of the Tongkah Harbour Tin Dredging Co., for the year ended 30th September last, states that the dredgers worked 31,245 hours, against 27,369 hours in 1915 and 28,185 hours in 1914. The ground dredged was 3,363,750 cubic yards, against 2,968,900 cubic yards, and the tin oxide produced amounted to 1,076 tons, against 1,262 tons. The value of tin output, exclusive of royalty, was \$114,993, against \$123,260. The actual net profit (was \$40,808 (against \$40,336) and \$71,507 was brought forward, making \$112,315 Fourdividend, aggregating 40 per cent. (or 8 per share) have been paid, amounting to \$61,500, leaving to credit of profit and loss \$50,815. The tin oxide now obtained is 8,579 tons, which has been sold for \$381,403. The total amount of dividends paid is \$307,500 being 41s per share. During the year the directors have paid four dividends of 2s each, absorbing, with the dividend tax, the whole of the profit earned, plus \$29,692 from reserves. As advised last year, the company has now no liabilities, and the necessity for holding a very large cash reserve does not now apply.
F. M. S. Chamber of Commerce.
Kua's Lumpur, March 31.—At the first general meeting of the F. M. S. Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Clodd, presiding, referring to the continued decrease of tin production which to the end of February this year was 23,993 piculs, said the main reasons were the coolies going to rubber estates, enhanced steamer freights from China, increased cost of coal, firewood, and oil, and the lands showing signs of giving out under present methods of working. He emphasised the necessity for Government development of unexplored parts of the F.M.S., particularly Pahang, and incidentally asked what had been the practical results of the efforts of the Government geologist. The Chinese coolie still appeared to be the best geologist, provided land was made accessible. The trade of the past year as a whole was distinctly satisfactory, though possibly not so profitable as the previous year. Exports still expanded at a wonderful rate, the surplus over imports being a hundred and fifty millions, constituting another record. Referring to man power, Mr. Clodd said that a point overlooked was that the States were developing at a greater rate than any other part of the Empire, and the need for European supervision was a consequently increasing one. He did think they were getting close to danger point in the depletion of staff. He thought that given a fair field and no favour the British merchant could beat his rivals, but he did want more organisation. He advised the formation of a local committee to advise as to incidents of essential imports and certificates of origin, and said that it should be instituted at once and continued as a permanent measure. The present system of import and export returns should be replaced by a central registry in Singapore and an annual conference of Singapore, Penang and F.M.S. Chambers would provide a useful opportunity for exchange of views and consideration of suggestions for the general advancement of British trade. Mr. Barncide, the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, said the statistics of trade for 1916 were abnormal. Merchandise alone in the aggregate showed a total value of thirty millions sterling. The trade of the country had made a great recovery and was progressive, proving that the vitality and stability of many trades had been reduced to a vanishing point. The reports and accounts were passed.

Shanghai Gas Company Dividend.
The directors of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., have decided to recommend payment of a dividend for 1916 of Tls. 2.50 per share, being at the rate of five per cent. on the paid up capital, and that Tls. 139,749.47 be written off for depreciation of plant and buildings, and Tls. 34,232.27 carried forward to next account.
Chinese Cotton.
The weekly cotton market report of Messrs. J. Spun and Co., dated April 6, states:—"In so far as price changes are concerned, the cotton market during the past week has been rather inactive, with the close last night quiet but steady. The market has the earmarks of having reached a temporary halting-place, with little disposition on either side to attempt more than hand to mouth operations, until it becomes better demonstrated whether there is going to be any change in the present high rate of exchange, which is militating against the export trade. For the present, therefore, it looks as if the market has been halted to a standstill, and it should not be surprising to see holders selling for a turn, though this seems hardly likely on the face of advances in America and the bullish views held by our Japanese friends. In the circumstances there is little to be said regarding the outlook in the near future, which will depend on the course exchange takes, and also the outlook of the Liverpool and American markets, in conjunction with the promptitude of the farmers in marketing their cotton. Recent advice from the north show heavy bookings by export merchants for harsh grades, quotations showing a difference of about one cent per picul from the ideas of local buyers. Tone of the market, quiet to steady."

Patent Registration in China.
Very few laymen know that there is no trade mark registration system in the Chinese Republic. In Shanghai and Tientsin, there is a trade mark bureau at the Customs Office where one may make a temporary registration. The system was established in view of the institution of a registration system by the Chinese Government in which these registered people may have the first privilege and further, with the expectation that this will avoid infringements and other misunderstandings. Whether such a step assures those registered or not is a question. At any rate, it will not carry full force to all parts of such a large country as China. But the temporary registration has an advantage in case a Chinese infringes the trade mark of a foreigner. The register in the Customs Office shows whether the article in question has been registered, an advantageous position in court. If a Japanese infringes the patents or trade marks of another person in China the encroacher will be tried by Japanese law according to the treaties contracted with the foreign nations and punished accordingly. In the Imperial Ordinance of 1911 No. 107, there is a law relating to patents, designs, trade marks, inventions and copyrights in the provinces of Kwangtung with other Powers having the right of extrajurisdiction. Further there is the treaty with the United States relating to the protection of trade marks and copyrights in China. There are treaties with France, Russia and China on industrial rights in China. According to the above, all persons, including Chinese, if found infringing rights of another person, will be tried and punished in the consular court. Petitions for the registration in the Customs Office may be in Chinese or English. If the trade mark is already registered in the mother countries the fact must be so written. The petition is handled through the hands of the attorneys in the locality for which a case of infringement is brought. There are Japanese attorneys who handle such matters.—Japan Times.

For a good solid meal a la Carte or Table d'Hôte with Wines & Liquors of the East ALEXANDRA CAFE.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; BA.—BUYERS;
R.—BUYERS; R.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.	
Banks	b. \$705
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Cantons	b. \$475
North Chinas	n. 1.150
Unions	b. \$910
Yangtzes	n. ex 73 \$288
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires	b. \$155
H.K. Fires	b. \$352
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	b. \$86
Steamboats	sa. \$18
Indos (Def.)	sa. \$127
Indos (Pref.)	sa. \$413
Shells	sa. 105
Ferries	sa. \$35
REFINERIES.	
Sugars	n. \$114
Malabons	n. \$31
MINING.	
Kallians	n. 36
Langkats	n. 1.18
Rangs	b. \$280
Tronchs	b. \$76
Urals	n. 29
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.	
H.K. Wharves	b. \$81
Kewloon Docks	b. \$127
Shai Docks	a. 1.90
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.	
Centrals	b. \$96
H.K. Hotels	n. \$103
Land Invest.	b. \$97
Hiphreys Est.	sa. \$6.25
K'loon Lands	n. \$58
Shai Lands	n. 1.80
West Points	b. \$75
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewos	n. 1.147
Kung Yiks	b. & sa. 1.12
Shai Cottons	n. 1.17
Yangtzepools	n. 1.5
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Borneos	sa. \$8
China Light & P. b. & sa.	\$4.75
Providents	n. \$8
Dairy Farms	b. \$24
Green Islands	n. \$35.5
H.K. Electric	b. \$50
H.K. Ice Co.	n. \$151
Ropes	n. \$39
Steel Foundries	n. \$10
Trams, Low Level n.	\$7.48
Trams, Peak, old n.	\$1
Trams, Peak, new n.	\$1
Laundries	n. \$8.40
U. Waterboats n.	\$16
Watsons	n. \$3
Wm. Powells b.	\$8
Morning Posts n.	\$19

CORRECTED TO NOON WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 1917.

BENJAMIN & POTTS,
Share and General Brokers,
Princes Building.
Tel. address: Broker.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	2/4 1/2
Demand	2/4 3/16
30 d/s.	2/4 3/16
60 d/s.	2/4 3/16
1 m/s.	2/4 9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	10 1/4
T/T Japan	109 1/4
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	56
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T/T Java	138
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	3.23
Demand, Paris	3.23 1/4

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/O	2/5 1/16
4 m/s. D/E	2/5 3/16
6 m/s. L/O	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. San Francisco	57 1/4
1 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	3.35
6 m/s. France	3.40
Demand, Germany	56 1/4
Demand, New York	56 1/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	112
Demand, Singapore	100 1/4
On Haiphong	57 1/2
On Saigon	57 1/2
On Bangkok	57 1/2
Soybeans	8.47
Gold Leaf, per oz.	48.40
Per Silver, per oz.	130 1/4

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DISCOUNT PER \$100:
Chinese 20 cts. places 57 cts.
Chinese 10 57 cts.
Hongkong 20 cts. places 100
H.K. bank 10 100

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For 6 Months 4% per annum.
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TIME TABLE.
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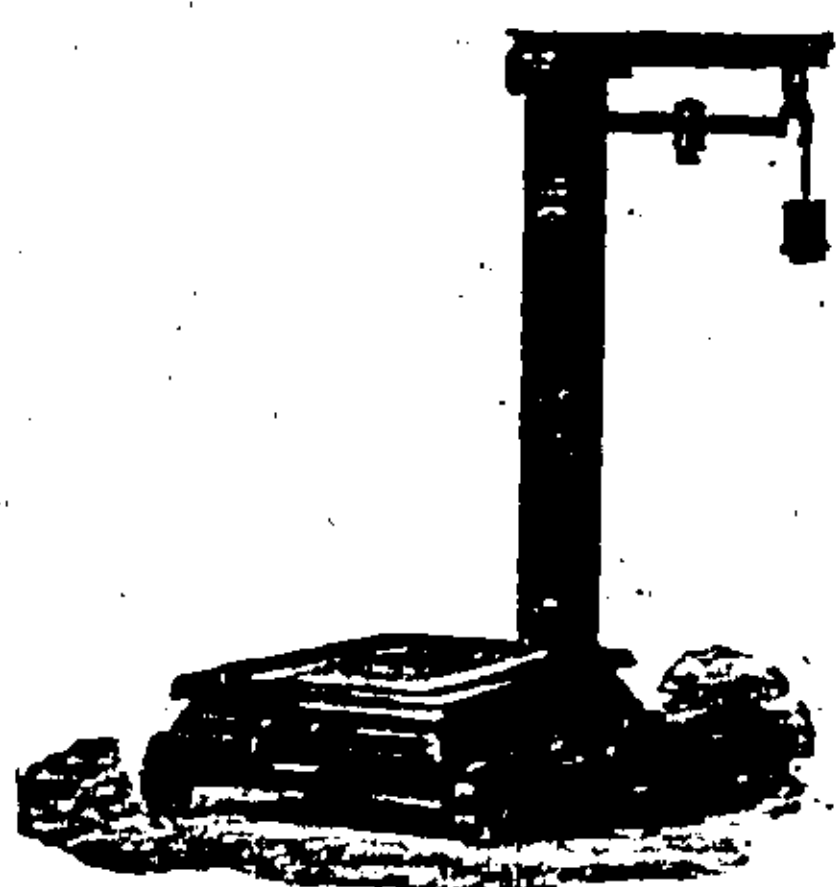
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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TO-MORROW THURSDAY, the 12th April, 1917.

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture Comprising:—

Teak hatstands, easy chairs, teak writing tables, blackwood flower stands, marble clocks, pictures, ornaments, etc., etc. Teak extension dining table & chairs, teak sideboard, dinner wagon, ice chest, dinner service, electric table fans and lamps, glass and electro-plated ware, etc., etc.

Single and double teak wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, double brass mounted iron bedsteads, teak dressing tables, marble top washstands, etc., etc.

Also 1 Adams Cabinet. On view from Wednesday, the 11th inst. Catalogue will be issued. Terms:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE.

MOTOR CARS, MOTOR CARS, 1917 Overland Touring Cars, 6 Cylinder, 7 Seater. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 18th February, 1917.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD. Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers. Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

POST OFFICE.

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the undimensioned articles are prohibited from importation into the United Kingdom either by letter post or by parcel post. Gold manufactured or unmanufactured, including gold coin and articles consisting partly of or containing gold; All manufactures of silver other than silver watches and silver watch cases; Jewellery of any description. Letters and parcels containing such articles cannot therefore be accepted for transmission by the Post Office.

FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS. The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein. It is furthermore absolutely necessary to show in the aforesaid declaration (1) The full name and address of the addressee (2) A statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.40 a.m.
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Shatukok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Aberdeen, Aukau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 5 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Nanhai and Samshui.—Week days, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Samsui.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.
Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.
Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Shek K.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kumuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chefoo, Chi., s.s. 428, Bentley, 10th Apr.
Hatchery, 4th Apr. Rice, Chefoo.
Hatchery, 4th Apr. 1915, 14th, 15th Apr.—Wakamatsu, 4th Apr. Coal—M.B.K.
Yuenang, Br., s.s. 1,118, Mancy, 10th Apr.—Manila, 10th Apr. Gen.—J.M. & Co.
Glenfield, Br., s.s. 1,114, MacKenzie, 10th Apr.—Singapore, 3rd Apr. Gen.—China.
Hainan, Br., s.s. 1,274, Evans, 11th Apr.—Swatow, 10th Apr. Gen.—D.L. & Co.
Kumuk, Br., s.s. 1,114, Liddle, 11th Apr.—Kobe, 5th Apr. Gen.—J.M. & Co.
Kuei, Br., s.s. 1,170, Cola, 11th Apr.—Wakamatsu, 5th Apr. Gen.—J.M. & Co.
Persia, Br., s.s. 2,670, Nago, 11th Apr.—San Francisco, 8th Mar. Gen.—T.K.K.
Riojun, Br., s.s. 2,150, Nakao, 11th Apr.—Bak P. pa, 4th Apr. Gen.—D. & Co.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. KUMSANG, from Kobe, on April 11.
Miss Miss Young Mr & Mrs
Per s.s. PERSEA MARU, from San Francisco, on April 11.
Allen Mr & Mrs J.W. to Mrs M
Aked Mr & Mrs Moore Mr & Mrs M
Bryant Mr & Mrs O'Connell Miss F
Berg Mr & Mrs W.G.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 11th at 11.35.—No returns from Indo-China. Pressure has increased slightly over S.W. Japan and decreased moderately to slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone has weakened and moved rapidly eastward. It is now central over S.W. Japan. There appears to be a depression over S.W. China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 4.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.41 inches, against an average of 7.72 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District Forecast.
S. winds, fresh, squally; overcast, some rain.
The same as No. 1.
South coast of China bet. 10° and 12° N. and 105° and 110° E. The same as No. 1.
South coast of China bet. 12° and 14° N. and 105° and 110° E. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

April 11, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Victoria	6a	30.06	55	e	3	0
Hankow	6a	29.91	59	n	1	1
Tokio	6a	30.02	60	sw	2	1
Kobe	6a	30.11	60	sw	2	1
Nagasaki	6a	30.09	60	sw	1	1
Kagima	6a	30.10	60	sw	1	1
Oshima	6a	30.02	60	sw	1	1
Yokohama	6a	30.07	60	sw	1	1
Shimonoseki	6a	30.09	60	sw	1	1
Bonin Is.	6a	30.03	60	sw	1	1
Chefoo	6a	30.08	40	65	sw	4
Wakamatsu	6a	30.08	40	65	sw	4
Shanghai	6a	30.06	48	67	sw	2
Hangchow	6a	29.92	50	100	sw	4
Shanghai	6a	29.87	58	93	sw	0
Amoy	6a	29.84	62	94	sw	2
Swatow	6a	29.81	66	96	sw	2
Taihou	6a	29.80	70	98	sw	0
Taihan	6a	29.80	68	98	sw	2
Kashan	6a	29.78	73	98	sw	4
Pootung	6a	29.78	74	98	sw	4
Canton	6a	29.67	74	98	sw	2
H'kong	6a	29.71	75	90	sw	3
Gap Rock	6a	29.74	75	90	sw	3
Wuchow	6a	29.67	73	94	sw	4
Kashan	6a	29.75	75	89	sw	4
Amoy	6a	29.73	73	91	sw	1
Manila	6a	29.75	73	94	sw	1
Kobe	6a	29.78	73	97	sw	1
Tokio	6a	29.78	77	96	sw	0
Hedo	6a	29.74	75	88	n	1
Surigao	6a	29.75	75	92	sw	1
Lapuan	6a	29.75	80	95	sw	2

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 11, 1917.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date On date.

Barometer 29.80 29.71 29.85

Temperature 76 75 78

Humidity 93 93 86

Wind Direction 8 S E 8

Force 2 3 5

Weather c o c o

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 11th 74

Lowest " " " " 64

E.K. Observatory, April 11, 1917.

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TIDE TABLE.

From 9th Apr. to 15th Apr.

High Water

Low Water

m morning a afternoon

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

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Tuesday, 10th April, 1917.

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By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1917.

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Clubs interested are requested to send representatives.

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Hongkong, 4th. Ap. 11, 1917.

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